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 Serial No.: 10/698,500
 Filed: October 31, 2003
 For: VEHICLE-BORNE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
 COUNTERING AN INCOMING THREAT
 Group: 3661
 Docket No.: RAY-144J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment for the subject application.

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Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,



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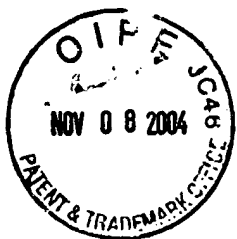
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.